

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-30. By the foregoing amendments, claims 31, 33 and 39-45 have been canceled. Claims 32, 34, and 35 have been amended so as to depend from claim 1, and claim 32 was further amended to conform to claim 1. In addition, new dependent claims 46-50 have been added. As now amended claims 32 and 34-38, as well as the new dependent claims 46-50 all depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Accordingly, all claims pending in this application depend from one or more of claims 1, 10 and 21, each of which the Examiner has indicated are allowable.

Accordingly, the foregoing amendments should place the application in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

In view of the long pendency of this application, prompt attention by the Examiner would be particularly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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